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EDITORIAL:

In looking for a masthead or cover for our prestigious journal the help of our resident artist was sought. In case you don't know who that is, it is none other than Nelson L. Ragan. (He'll kill me for publishing his real front handle) Lee, from out Odessa way does a much more serious art form for a living. Thanks Lee for a job well done.

LES

MEMBER PROGRESS

Allan: Still hard at work on "AHL" piece. Has uncovered some significant early newspaper articles in the process. Let's all give him our wholehearted support for his writing which will relate to wartime missions.

Axel: Speaking of using special talents, as one of those computer people, Axel is hard at work in concert with Len in computerizing a listing of early official publications.

Bob: Still digging in or perhaps out of the sizable load placed on him by Jim's official departure of 15 June.

Joe: Ibid last month.

Lee: In addition to producing our cover, Lee obviously worked hard on producing his fine article "Civil Air Patrol Shoulder Sleeve Insignia, The First Ten Years" which appeared in the January-March issue of the Trading Post. For those of you who are not familiar with this publication, it is the Journal of the American Society of Military Insignia Collectors, better known as ASMIC. Lots of good information contained in his writing so I have appended a copy hereto.

Len: In concert with Louisa and his bride, Carol, has been hard at work going through what I generally refer to as Len's boxes. For those who don't know the story, as I understand it, Len was in the right place at the right time from our point of view. Some years back he was at Maxwell for his annual Cadet Competition trip and got wind of the fact that they were about to "pitch" thirty plus boxes of old records. To shorten the story a bit, Len volunteered to move them to his home thus saving them. This took a lot of courage and an understanding wife, so we all owe Len and Carol a big vote of thanks. At any rate the aforementioned trio have been working the boxes over for some really significant finds. Partial results are reflected in Louisa's indices which will be covered later.

Les: Les too has a very understanding wife by the name of Carol. You better believe she's understanding. In fact she was the founder of the "if you can't lick them join them" school. Jointly they made a trip to Dallas (University of Texas-Dallas, History of Aviation Collection) where the D. Harold Byrd CAP papers were inventoried. A copy of this inventory is included. On same trip passed thru Beaumont and recorded 7 oral histories of those who served at Coastal Patrol Base 10. Other than the trip stayed busy on odd and sundry committee activities with some time out to do "Ma Bell's" bidding.

Louisa: As previously mentioned has really been pouring over the output of Len's "boxes". Among the results was providing the writer with many goodies he badly needed. Included in these were the indices of C-LP circulars for the 1942-1944 period. Copies of these are also appended for reference by all. At last official count, 71 plus "First Ten Years" were on order. Probably has exceeded a hundred by now so it appears that Louisa really filled a gap in for us.

Tom: Ibid last month.

RECORDS ACCUMULATION

This project is still progressing as indicated under Louisa and Len above. Long term object is to round up at least one of everything published officially, have microfilmed and arrange for an archives and a study library.

WANT LIST

No appreciable change of status from last time. Keep digging.

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE

Nothing new to report.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

75-100 contemporary photographs from Base 10.

Duck club pin, see enclosed photograph which is twice normal size.

MATERIAL WANTED

Need material (written) for inclusion herein and more importantly items for inclusion in CAP News "Historical Notes". On the latter we're covered for the next 3 issues but we're committed to have something in every issue.

Les
June 1983

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Civil Air Patrol Shoulder Sleeve Insignia The First Ten Years

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The Civil Air Patrol was created on December 1st, 1941, under the Office of Civilian Defense, as a means of utilizing the nation's light aircraft, and pilots to contribute to the war effort. Since the earliest days, C.A.P. has been a uniformed service with its own insignia. During mid-1943, the Civil Air Patrol was an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces. From the start, each state was organized as a wing, which today includes the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Shoulder patches for the individual wings did not start to appear until after WWII, and finally replaced the different designs of the old "National", patches by 1954 when C.A.P. transitioned into the then new Air Force blue uniform.

This article will give the collector of SSI a description and background information on the older national patches worn by C.A.P. as shoulder patches during its first decade. Most reference books on SSI only show a couple of the most common early C.A.P. SSI, and many collectors are unaware that several different variations were indeed used. Most of the information used to write this article was obtained through the efforts of the Civil Air Patrol Historical Committee and its past Chairman, Col. Louisa S. Morse, C.A.P.

The first shoulder patch was mentioned in official communications as early as February 1942. This was a blue disc, three inches in diameter, with a white triangle and red propellor. (See figure 1). This insignia was to be either worn or embroidered with stitched or rolled edges. This patch was replaced in July 1942, with the design in figure 2, which added the letters US in white under the triangle. I might also note here, that C.A.P. used the earlier design without the US, on aircraft and vehicles. The US was not to be added to aircraft and vehicle insignia when it was added to the shoulder patch.

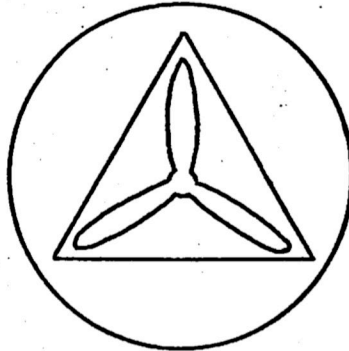


Figure 1

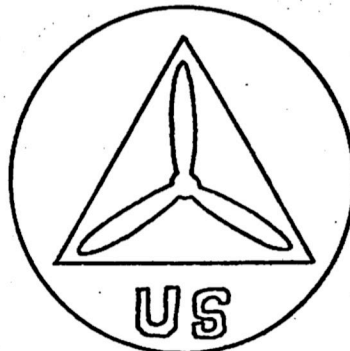


Figure 2

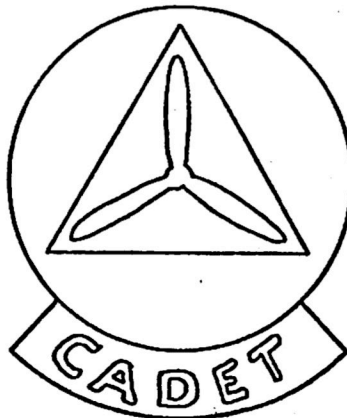


Figure 3

In late 1942, the Civil Air Patrol Cadets were formed to prepare teenagers for eventual service with the Army Air Forces. The Cadets were authorized a different shoulder patch than that worn by adult members, (Senior Members). The patch shown in figure 3 was first mentioned in the C.A.P. Bulletin in November, 1942. The letters US, were not used on the first Cadet patch, but were added in September 1943. (See figure 4) The colors for the Cadet patches were the same as those worn by Senior Members, except that the tab on the bottom was white, with "Cadet", in red letters.

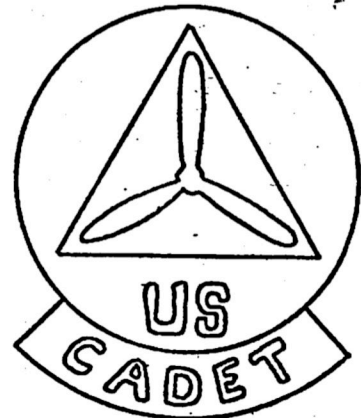


Figure 4

Figure five depicts the shoulder patch worn by C.A.P. Instructors who could be appointed by the wing commanders if they met any one of the following qualifications. Doctors, degreed engineers, holders of teacher certificates, certified as flight or ground instructors by the CAA, or had served as officers in the Armed Forces. The patch was the same as the other C.A.P. SSI, but had a white tab on the bottom edge with red lettering.

By the time the patches shown in figures 2, 4, and 5 came into use, most C.A.P. SSI were being made about 2½ inches in diameter. The collector may

find these made in several different ways, and even in some slight size variations. Some may have a wool background, some on twill, and others fully embroidered.



Figure 5

The designs shown in figures 6, 7, and 8, were adopted after February, 1945. The arc above the patch was red with white lettering. From early 1942 until early 1945, all shoulder straps on coats and shirts were red in color to distinguish the wearers as members of C.A.P. and not the A.A.F. The red trim also included the officers braid on the cuffs of service coats, and the background on enlisted chevrons. After February 1945, it was decided to eliminate the red trim on C.A.P. uniforms, and add the tab above the shoulder patches to identify Civil Air Patrol members. Items in figures 6 and 7 are the most commonly seen old C.A.P. SSI today and are usually the ones pictured in collectors reference books on shoulder patches.



Figure 6

The patch in figure 9 is for the Officer Training Corps within Civil Air Patrol. OTC was phased out about 30



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

years ago. Little is known about the exact dates this patch was used, but it was sometime during the late 1940's and early 1950's. All members between the ages of 18 and 21 were in the OTC and were either privates or NCO's. They not only wore a special shoulder

patch, but also OTC metal collar insignia worn on lower lapels of coats and jackets. The patch is the same as regular Cadet and Senior Members, but with the addition of a white tab or arc with red lettering.

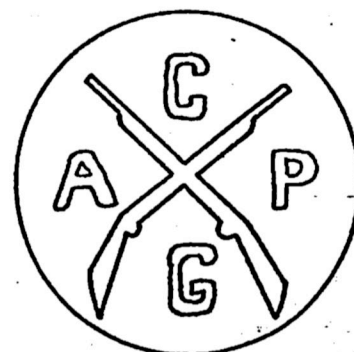


Figure 10

Figure ten depicts the Civil Air Patrol Guard shoulder patch. It was used some during WWII by C.A.P. personnel who stood guard duty at civilian airports over transit military aircraft. It was a blue patch with red crossed rifles and red letters. Indications are that this patch was only used during the war years and may not have widespread use.

The different state wing patch started appearing in the late 1940's and while Civil Air Patrol wore Army uniforms, they were worn on the right shoulder with the national patches worn on the left. After the Air Force uniform phased into service, the national patches disappeared from the uniform. As an interesting note: the old national patch (Fig. 6), was authorized in late 1978 to be worn as an optional item by Civil Air Patrol units overseas. Several US Air Force bases overseas have C.A.P. Cadet Squadrons. It is also interesting to note that as of this writing, the national patch has not appeared for sale in the C.A.P. Bookstore Catalog, which is the source of insignia and some uniform items for members. This writer has also never seen any photographs of overseas units wearing this old patch. Since all overseas units report directly to National Headquarters, they wear no state wing patch.

On occasion, a collector may come across one of the earlier national patches sewn on a brassard, or arm band. During WWII and even later, brassards were sometimes worn with civilian clothes in lieu of a uniform. These arm bands were to be on felt of

either red, white, blue, or khaki and approximately 3½ inches wide, and about 17 to 18 long. The use of brassards was very limited, and finally abolished during the early 1950's.

Another variation of this national patch appeared later that had white letters below the triangle which read, "USAF Auxiliary." Other than that difference, it was much like figure 6. These patches are quite rare, but are not shoulder sleeve insignia, and were worn as a breast patch on flight clothing, and sometimes on civilian blazers. This insignia is still in use today in decal form to be applied to member owned aircraft and vehicles which are used on C.A.P. activities.

This is then the story of the Civil Air Patrols first shoulder patches. They were worn the same as all insignia of this type on the left sleeve. Many of the oldest designs are very rare, and the later ones are not that hard to find. Some of these older C.A.P. SSI are even getting the attention of reproducers today!



**Civil Air Patrol — 1984
L.A. Olympics**

A dark blue patch with golden-yellow merroed border. An American Eagle in brown, with white head, yellow beak, yellow feet, red/white/blue top hat, red and white striped bow-tie, w/white vest; lettering C.A.P. 1984 is white with the United Nations emblem which is light blue with white outlines; a light blue circle with white triangle with a red propeller.

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Art by: H. H. Booker, 2nd.

LISTING OF D. HAROLD BYRD MATERIAL HOUSED AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - DALLAS

HISTORY OF AVIATION COLLECTION

BOUND ALBUMS RELATING TO CAP

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS - From Texas Clipping Service

1. June 1942 - Sept 1943
2. Sept 1942 - Feb 1943
3. Feb 1943 - July 1943
4. July 1943 - Oct 1943
5. Oct 1943 - March 1944
6. March 1944 - July 1944
7. June 1944 - Dec 1944
8. Dec 1944 - June 1945
9. June 1945 - March 1946
10. March 1946 - June 1947
11. 1947 - May 1949
12. May 1949 - June 1950
13. Aug 1958 - April 1959
14. April 1959 - March 1960
15. Feb 1961 (Ling Temco Electronics)
16. Jan 1967

PHOTOGRAPHS

DATE	SUBJECT
1. 1935	Trip to Germany - Photographs & Post Cards
2. March 1941	General plus clippings
3. Oct 1945	General
4. 1948-49	National Board Meeting
5. July 1948	Canadian Exchange
6. 1949	English, French & Swiss Cadets
7. April 1950	Puerto Rico
8. June 1950	General Plus Clippings
9. 1950	Exchange Party & Airshow
10. August 1951	Canadian and Swiss Party
11. August 1951	Canadian and Swiss IACE
12. June 1952	National Executive Board Meeting
13. 1953	Cadet Exchange
14. 1953	Canada, Nova Scotia, Cotton Bowl
15. May 1954	Congressional Reception, Washington
16. Jan-Feb 1955	National Executive Board Meeting
17. 1955	Swiss BOC Party - Book 1
18. 1955	Swiss BOC Party - Book 2
19. 1955	IACE Party
20. 1958	Family
21. 1960	General Plus Negatives
22. 1960	Airforce (includes negatives)
23. 1961	Air Cadet League of Canada
24. July 9, 1962	Navy Presentation Awards
25. March 28, 1963	Ling, Temco, Vought including negatives
26. Aug - Sept 1965	African Safari
27. -	Heart of Hills Inn - Kerville, Texas

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
1. 1939	Letters relating to <u>Divided We Stand</u>
2. Sept 1944	Texas Forest Patrol, Lufkin, Texas Scrapbook presented to DHB by CAP members
3. Dec 31, 1948	Annual Report - CAP Southwest Region
4. June 7, 1952	Amarillo Air Force Base Encampment
5. 1961 - 1962	Air Force Academy Folders
6. 1961 - 1962	Air Force Association Folders
7. 1968 - 1974	University Aviation Association Folders
8. 1971	Byrd Chairman of Texas Civil Air Patrol Commission Folder
9. 1971	Space Corporation Small Business Prime Contractors
10. -	Lockheed "12" Aircraft Log Book
11. -	Vol 3, Nr 9 East Texas Oil
12. -	Biggest Drum - Bertha Goes to Washington Folder

INVENTORY OF D. HAROLD BYRD MATERIAL CONTAINED IN BOX NUMBER 194

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HISTORY OF AVIATION COLLECTION

BOX LABELED: Current Files 1961-1969
Old Aviation File of DHB (36-54)

CONTENTS:

1. CAP Pamphlet 35-1-1 1971-72-74 (Directories)
2. Air Cadet League of Canada 1961
3. Aircraft Acquisition Program 1967
4. Aviation Education Program 1961
5. Advisory Committee to Chairman of the National Board
6. Defense Operations CAP & National 1961
7. Hall of Honor 1971 - CAP News Special Edition
8. Cadet Activities and Encampment 1961
9. Personal - includes stars and ribbons
10. CAP News 1974-74
11. Texas Aerospace Education Council 1968-74
12. National Executive Committee and National Executive Board Minutes 1971-74
13. Evaluation Program 1967
14. Flight Training for Cadets 1967
15. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1961
16. Information Bulletins etc. 1961
17. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1961
18. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1968
19. Legislation, Tax, Legal 1961
20. Hall of Honor Dedication
21. National Executive Committee and National Executive Board 1961
22. National Headquarters CAP-USAF 1961-67
23. Personnel and Membership Rosters 1961
24. Policy Matters 1961
25. Dallas Aviation Commission 1961-68
26. Several Files on Space Launches

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BOX LABELED: Inactive File 1951-1960
Air Cadet League of Canada

CONTENTS:

1. SAC Information Kits - (3)
2. CAPM 50-3 1967, 2nd Edition
3. International Aviation Cadet Exchange
4. Unit Directory Oct 1970
5. Report to Congress 1973 (several)
6. Southwest Aviation Times Vol 1 Nov. CAP cover & story
7. International Aviation Cadet Exchange
8. Air Cadet League of Canada Annual Report 64 & 65
9. Scholarship Committee 1961 -
10. Southwest Region Operations 1961 -
11. Bulletins - News Letters 1961
12. Texas Wing Operations 1961 -
13. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1953
14. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1954
15. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1955-56
16. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1957-58
17. Xmas Card List 1959-60
18. News Releases and speeches 1952-54
19. Air Cadet League of Canada - considerable material between 1953-60
20. Byrd Personal file includes
 - a. Sheppard Encampment Manual 1959
 - b. Miscellaneous Papers of 1959-1960
 - c. CAP History with 33 inclosures
21. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1959-60
22. National Executive Committee and National Board 1959
23. National Executive Committee and National Board 1960
24. National Headquarters CAP-USAF 1959-60
25. Policy Matters CAP-USAF 1959-60
26. Photos and drawing of Hensley Field, Grand Prairie

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BOX LABELED: Minutes of National Executive Board and National Board 1950-70
CAP Annual Reports 1958
Articles and Pamphlets from Publications
Air Force Academy Reservists Lists
USAF & Defense Department Manuals
Old CAP & USAF Directories 1960's and 70's
International Aviation Cadet Exchange Reports

CONTENTS:

1. Numerous copies of Air Reservist
2. Insurance & Finance Committee 1950-60
3. Senior Training Program 1950-60
4. Chaplains Program 1950-60
5. Continental Air Command 1950-60
6. Drill Competitions 1950-60
7. Encampments 1950-60
8. Glider Flying Encampments 1950-60
9. Regional Operations
10. 1958 Photo Album German Cadet visit includes pictures of Eisenhower
11. Aviation News Illustrated June 61
12. Aviation News Illustrated April 61 CAP cover & good article
13. National Geographic May 1956 Minutemen of the Civil Air Patrol (reprint-several copies)
14. Popular Mechanics February 1955 - reprints CAP to Rescue (several)
15. 17th Anniversary Plans
16. Colonel Barney Oldfield to Tennessee Wing 2 August 1958
17. Radio and TV News - Operation Jupiter August 1958
18. CAP Search - Unknown Source
19. Guided Missiles reprint from Time
20. Mobility in Communications - CAP - Reprint Radio and TV News May 1952
21. Pamphlet CAP 80,000 Volunteers, Fairchild Engine Company 1952
22. Program 50 Anniversary of Flight 11/21/52
23. The Texas Outlook May 1954 Alerted For The Future
24. Air Reservist January 1960 - Byrd gets Distinguished Service Award
25. The Dawning of Space Age, CAP Ellington
26. Mountaineer Flyer West Virginia Yearbook 1959
27. Sheppard Encampment Annual 1960
28. ESSO Air World Reprint Sept. - Oct 1952
29. An International Brotherhood of Air Minded Youth
30. Contact August 1954 (2 copies)
31. Contact April 1954 (2 copies)
32. CAP Texas Wing 1949 (2 copies)
33. Texas AAF-CAP Air Show October 19-20 1946
34. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1952 Booklet
35. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1953 Booklet
36. International Aviation Cadet Exchange 1962 Booklet
37. CAP in Magazines - Published by CAP
38. CAP Weekly Bulletins 8 September 1960 - 2 January 1959
39. Texas Wing Operations 1959-1960

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No. 3	4/7/44	Designation of Pilots as Windlass Operators
No. 4	4/11/44	Wearing of Uniform by CAP Personnel on Active-Duty Assignment
No. 5	4/24/44	Landing Fees at LaGuardia Field, NYC

C-LP (Coastal-Liaison Patrol) Circular Index

C-LP Circular No. 1	4/7/43	War Department - Air Corps - Form No. 15 - Invoice
No. 2	4/10/43	Aircraft Accidents - Notification of Civil Aeronautics Board Inspectors
No. 3	5/3/43	Army Air Forces Safety Posters
No. 4	5/4/43	Accident Board Reports
No. 5	5/4/43	Physical Training
No. 6	5/24/43	Range Tables for CAP Coastal Patrol and Liaison Patrol Airplanes
No. 7	6/12/43	AAF Regulation No. 20-18, Organization - Civil Air Patrol
No. 8	6/25/43	Recruiting of Civilian Pilot and Mechanic Personnel by AAF Agencies
No. 9	7/1/43	Commissary Privileges
No. 10	7/9/43	Supply of Civil Air Patrol Field Units
No. 11	7/10/43	Issuance of Commissions - CAP Coastal Patrols and Liaison Patrols
No. 12	7/17/43	Standard Army Issue Identification Tags
No. 13	7/23/43	Instruction Sheets - Personnel Security Questionnaires
No. 14	7/27/43	Ordnance Equipment, Supplies and Services for CAP Coastal Patrols and Liaison Patrols
No. 15	7/27/43	Fuel and Lubricants for Government-Owned Motor Vehicles - Civil Air Patrol Field Activities
No. 16	7/28/43	Aircraft Radio Installation - CAP Coastal Patrol No. 11
No. 17	7/28/43	Parking of Aircraft - CAP Coastal Patrol No. 4
No. 18	7/30/43	Allocation of Aviation Gasoline for Field Activities of Civil Air Patrol
No. 19	9/2/43	Supplies for Civil Air Patrol Units on Active-Duty Assignments Serving Armed Forces
No. 20	10/1/43	CAP Medium-High Frequency Radio Converter

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM INDEX

OM-2	3/10/42	Weekly Notices to Airmen
OM-3	4/7/42	Correction -- Operations Directive No. 10 - "Aeronautical Ratings for Civil Air Patrol Flying Personnel"
OM-4	4/14/42	Operations Directive No. 2--Display of Civil Air Patrol Insignia on Aircraft
OM-5	4/22/42	Civil Air Patrol Forms Nos. 9 and 10, attached
OM-6	5/11/42	CAP Forms SR-1 to SR-7, inclusive
OM-7	10/8/42	Recruiting Civilian Pilot and Mechanic Personnel
OM-8	10/8/42	Use of Chamois Cloth for Straining Gasoline
OM-9	10/8/42	Description of Airports
OM-10	10/28/42	Rudder Cable Damage - Stinson 10-A
OM-11	11/2/42	Oil Line Failures
OM-12	11/11/42	Reports on Special Operation and Maintenance Problems
OM-13	11/16/42	Prevention of Damage to Aircraft from High Winds
OM-14	11/19/42	Fabric Covers for Airplane Engines, Propellers, Fuel Filler Caps, and Windshields
OM-15	11/19/42	Immunization of CAP Coastal Patrol and Liaison Patrol Personnel
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OM-21	1/18/43	Aircraft Accident Caused by Failure to Check Fuel
OM-22	11/25/43	Removal of Unexploded Bombs
OM-24	1/5/44	AAF Liaison Type Airplanes Allocated to Civil Air Patrol
OM-25	4/15/44	Procedure for Missing-Airplane Search Missions
OM-26	5/22/44	Flight Characteristics - AAF Liaison-Type Airplanes Allocated to Civil Air Patrol
OM-27	5/23/44	CAP Flight Operations
OM-28	6/1/44	Parts, Equipment, and Maintenance for AAF Aircraft Assigned to Civil Air Patrol
OM-29	6/20/44	Search and Rescue Rating - Nevada Wing, CAP
OM-30	6/22/44	CAP Missing-Aircraft Search Service
OM-31	6/29/44	Leak in Gasoline Shut-Off Valve on AAF L-2M Aircraft
OM-32	6/30/44	Requests for Civil Aeronautics Administration Waivers
OM-33	9/1/44	Responsibilities of CAP Pilots Operating AAF Aircraft